

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each below-named inventor hereby declares and says that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below beneath my name; I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention titled:

NEW DIRECT LAMINATED FLOOR.

which is described and claimed in the attached application, or Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ as amended to date; ~~I have reviewed and understand~~ the contents of the specifications and claims with all the above-mentioned amendments thereto, if any. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56; and, if the benefit of 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed below, as to subject matter of the claims not disclosed in any prior U.S. application in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge my duty to disclose material information known to me occurring between the filing date of said prior U.S. application and this application; the benefit of 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed for

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## STATUS

I claim the foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) filed less than 12 months prior to the filing of the application, or less than 12 months before the application(s) for which the above benefit of 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed as follows:

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and I have identified any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) having a filing date before the earliest of the application(s) for which priority is claimed, or the present application, as follows:

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It is declared by undersigned that all statements made herein of undersigned's own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S. Code 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any other patent issuing thereon.

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Inventor(s): Eugenio CRUZ GARCIA  
Title of Invention: NEW DIRECT LAMINATED  
FLOOR.  
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Att. Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

PETITION FOR STATUS  
AS A SMALL ENTITY

Serial or Patent No.:  
Filing or Issue Date:

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Your petitioner hereby requests that the above-identified application and any patent resulting therefrom be granted status as a small entity as that term is defined in 37 CFR 1.9(f).

Your petitioner's entitlement to small entity status is as follows:

- ☐ Your petitioner is an independent inventor who has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention.
- ☐ Your petitioner is a non-profit corporation as that term is defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e).
- ☒ Your petitioner is a small business concern as that term is defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d) whose number of employees (including the average number of all full-time, part-time and temporary employees of itself and its affiliates) does not exceed 500 (five hundred) and exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with your petitioner and your petitioner has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and is under no contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention. Your petitioner verifies that the person signing on its behalf is the owner or an official of your petitioner empowered to act on its behalf.

Your petitioner verifies that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that he acknowledges being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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